

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Family caregivers play an increasingly important role in the wellbeing of loved ones, providing unpaid assistance with both health care tasks and activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, More than a third of Nevadans over the age of 50 currently provide unpaid care for a parent, spouse, disabled child or other relative or friend; and

WHEREAS, More than 500,000 family caregivers in Nevada provide unpaid assistance equivalent to 348 million hours and an estimated value of 4 billion dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, The proportion of Nevada's population that is over 60 is growing more rapidly than other components, and the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about 24 percent of Nevadan's will be over age 60 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Older adults who receive cost-effective services at home are more likely to continue to live independently in communities, without needing nursing home care or utilizing public assistance; and

WHEREAS, To successfully address the surging population of older adults and others with significant needs for long-term services and supports, we must develop methods to encourage and support Nevada's family caregivers, while developing ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that November, 2014 is Family Caregivers Month and the Board supports and applauds the dedicated work of family caregivers and recognizes that caregiving for older, vulnerable or disabled Nevadans is a vital and needed profession today and in the future.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2014.

David Humke, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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